

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

# Anchorage - Fire Department Station 7 Wi-Fi Equipment and Improvements

**State Funding Requested: \$ 2,000****House District: 27 - N**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Funding will purchase WiFi technology for the station.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$2,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Funds will be used to purchase needed WiFi technology for Fire Station #7.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Municipality of Anchorage

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



# Municipality of Anchorage

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Fire Department

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February 29, 2008

Representative Craig Johnson  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Johnson:

Thank you for your interest in the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) Station's 7 (Jewel Lake), 15 (Southport) and 9 (Huffman).

The AFD would like to request \$2,000 for each of these fire stations to install Municipal network wifi at the stations to provide better access to download mobile data into fire apparatus.

Creating available storage is always an issue at our fire stations as we acquire new tools and equipment. Station 15 needs \$3,000 for storage improvements. Station 9 has also requested \$20,000 to replace outdated rescue tools and \$3,000 for replacement of fitness equipment.

Fire Station 7 needs \$7,000 for security upgrades. While fire station break-ins are rare in Anchorage, Station 7 has been burglarized twice in the last three years. The burglars have primarily tried to target drug boxes on fire engines, which are secured according to DEA standards behind a very secure two lock system. After the second break in, which occurred at night while firefighters were sleeping between calls, AFD had the Police Department conduct a security audit. The audit recommended a security fence at a minimum along with investigating the possibility of an alarm system. We are also seeking funding to paint the exterior of that station.

Thank you for your support of our firefighters and paramedics. If you would like further information on these projects, please don't hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at 317-7247.

Sincerely,

Michelle Weston  
Deputy Chief of Administration

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